

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-23 (canceled).

24. (new) A method for continuously drawing and mixing liquid samples originating from at least  $n$  different containers where  $n$  is greater than or equal to 2, said method comprising the steps of:

drawing a given volume of  $n$  samples originating from  $n$  different containers of liquids;

placing each of the samples drawn in a sampling chamber; and

transferring identical volumes of each sample drawn into a common mixing container and obtaining a mixture sample to be analysed.

25. (new) A method for continuously drawing and mixing liquid samples according to Claim 24, wherein the drawing step consists of drawing a volume of liquid from each container comprising between 0.5 and 20 millilitres.

26. (new) A method for continuously drawing and mixing liquid samples according to Claim 24, wherein the drawing step consists of drawing a volume of liquid from each container comprising between 2 and 8 millilitres.

27. (new) A method for continuously drawing and mixing liquid samples according to Claims 24, wherein the step of transferring

to the mixing container consists of transferring a volume of each drawn sample comprising between 0.5 and 20 millilitres.

28. (new) A method for continuously drawing and mixing liquid samples according to Claims 24, wherein the step of transferring to the mixing container consists of transferring a volume of each drawn sample comprising between 2 and 8 millilitres.

29. (new) A method for continuously drawing and mixing liquid samples according to Claim 24, wherein the step of transferring the drawn samples into the mixing container is initiated by an external action.

30. (new) A method for continuously drawing and mixing liquid samples according to Claim 24, wherein the step of transferring the drawn samples into the mixing container is initiated automatically.

31. (new) A method for continuously drawing and mixing liquid samples according to Claim 24, wherein the drawing of the liquid samples of the first step is performed in a sterile manner.

32. (new) A continuous method for the analysis of liquids, said method comprising the steps of:

drawing a given volume of n samples originating from n different containers of liquids where n is greater than or equal to 2;

placing each of the samples drawn in a sampling chamber;

transferring identical volumes of each sample drawn into a common mixing container and obtaining a mixture sample to be analysed; and

transferring a given volume of the mixture sample to be analysed

to an analysis device.

33. (new) A continuous method for the analysis of liquids according to Claim 32, wherein the step of transferring to the analysis device consists of transferring a minimum volume of 1 millilitre of the mixture sample.

34. (new) A continuous method for the analysis of liquids according to Claim 32, wherein said transferring step comprises transferring at least part of the mixture sample to the analysis device aseptically.

35. (new) A device for drawing and mixing samples of liquids originating from at least two different containers, said device comprising a mixing chamber connected to each of said containers at least one intermediate sampling chamber between each said container and the mixing chamber, said at least one intermediate sampling chamber being connected so as to transfer to said mixing chamber at least part of the sampled liquid, and said device being configured in a vertical arrangement.

36. (new) A device for drawing and mixing liquid samples according to Claim 35, wherein said mixing chamber is disposed under said sampling chambers.

37. (new) A device for drawing and mixing liquid samples according to Claim 35, wherein the mixing chamber is associated in a removable manner with the sampling chambers.

38. (new) A device for drawing and mixing liquid samples according to Claim 35, wherein a connection between the containers and the sampling chambers comprises a piece of tubing, a tap, and a stopper that can be pierced by a needle or a screw-fitting sealed by a stopper.

39. (new) A device for drawing and mixing liquid samples according to any Claim 35, wherein a connection between the sampling chambers and the mixing chamber comprises a tube, a breakable fitting, and a tap or a tubing clip.

40. (new) A device for drawing and mixing liquid samples according to Claim 35, wherein the mixing chamber is sealed by means of at least one of a screwed stopper, a stopper that can be pierced by a needle, a tap and a piece of tubing.

41. (new) A device for drawing and mixing liquid samples according to Claim 35, further comprising at least one non-return valve.

42. (new) A device for drawing and mixing liquid samples according to Claim 35, wherein the drawing and mixing device (1) is a sterile device.

43. (new) A device for drawing and mixing liquid samples according to Claim 35, wherein the drawing and mixing device is a device that can be sterilised by  $\beta$  or  $\gamma$  irradiation.

44. (new) A device for drawing and mixing liquid samples according to Claim 35, further comprising means for connecting said drawing and mixing device to an analysis device.

45. (new) A device for drawing and mixing liquid samples according to Claim 44, wherein the connecting means between the drawing and mixing device and the analysis device comprises an aseptic connection.

46. (new) A device for drawing and mixing liquid samples according to Claim 35, wherein at least one of the sampling chambers and the mixing chamber consists of a flexible PVC